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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. TB-96-24]

Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee; Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name: Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee.

Date: June 28, 1996.

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Tobacco Division, Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation Building, Room 223, 1306 Annapolis Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27608.

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, establish submarketing areas, discuss selling schedules and recommend opening dates. The Committee will also update the 1996 policies and procedures and review other related matters for the 1996 flue-cured tobacco marketing season.

The meeting is open to the public. Persons, other than members, who wish to address the Committee at the meeting should contact John P. Duncan III, Director, Tobacco Division, AMS, USDA, Room 502 Annex Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456, (202) 205-0567, prior to the meeting. Written statements may be submitted to the Committee before, at, or after the meeting.

Dated: June 3, 1996.

John P. Duncan III,
Director, Tobacco Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 960521143-6143-01]

Census Designated Place (CDP) Program for Census 2000—Proposed Criteria

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Program Revisions and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: Census designated places (CDPs) are statistical geographic entities, defined in conjunction with each decennial census, consisting of a closely settled, locally recognized concentration of population that is identified by name. The Census Bureau uses CDPs to tabulate and disseminate information about several thousand localities that otherwise would not be identified as places in decennial census data products.

Although not as numerous as incorporated places, CDPs have been important geographic entities since the Census Bureau first introduced them for the 1950 census. In 1990, more than 29 million people in the United States lived in CDPs. To determine the inventory of CDPs, the Census Bureau offers a program to local participants, such as American Indian tribal officials and state-designated agencies, whereby they can update the list and geographic definition of CDPs defined during the previous census, and suggest new CDPs according to criteria developed and promulgated by the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau then reviews the resulting CDP suggestions for conformance with these criteria.

As the first step in this process, the Census Bureau is requesting comments on its proposed criteria for the delineation of CDPs in conjunction with Census 2000. These criteria will apply to the 50 states, American Indian and Alaska Native areas, Puerto Rico, and all other Island Territories in Census 2000 except American Samoa.¹ The Census Bureau may modify, and if necessary reject, a CDP that does not meet the criteria established following this notice.

¹ There are no CDPs in American Samoa because incorporated villages cover its entire territory and population.

In addition to the proposed criteria, this notice includes a description of the changes from the criteria used for the 1990 census and a list of definitions of key terms used in the criteria.

DATES: Any suggestions or recommendations concerning the proposed criteria should be submitted in writing by July 11, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Joel L. Morrison, Chief, Geography Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233-7400, telephone (301) 457-1132, or e-mail to "joel.morrison@census.gov."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CDP delineation criteria have evolved over the past five decades in response to decennial census practices and the preferences of data users. After each decennial census, the Census Bureau, in consultation with data users, reviews and revises these criteria. Then, before the next decennial census, the Census Bureau offers state, tribal, and local officials an opportunity to correct, update and otherwise improve the universe of CDPs.

In July and August 1995, the Census Bureau issued invitations to local groups and agencies to participate in the delineation of statistical geographic entities for Census 2000. These included regional planning agencies, Councils of Governments, county planning agencies, officials of American Indian tribes, and officials of the 12 nonprofit Alaska Native Regional Corporations.

By early 1997, the Census Bureau will provide program participants with maps and detailed guidelines for delineating CDPs for Census 2000.

A. Criteria for Delineating CDPs for Census 2000

The Census Bureau proposes the following criteria for use in determining the areas that will qualify for designation as CDPs based on the results of Census 2000.

1. General characteristics

A CDP constitutes a closely settled center of population that is named and not part of an incorporated place. It has a distinct nucleus of residences and a relatively high population density. It generally consists of a contiguous cluster of census blocks and comprises a single piece of territory.